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1. The reply brief filed on 01-11-01 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.
2. The information disclosure statement filed on 01-11-01 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.97(d) because it lacks a petition requesting consideration of the information disclosure statement and because it also lacks the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i). It has been placed in the application file, but the **information referred to therein has not been considered.**
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Sam Chuan Yao** whose telephone number is (703) 308-4788. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00 AM-5:30 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

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